
Montana K English Language Arts / Reading

FREE PREVIEW

Full-Year Teacher Planner, Blank Editable Planner & School-Submission Binder

This preview shows the real structure and a genuine sample of the completed planner. The full product contains 9 units, 36 weekly plans and 180 daily plans, plus blank editable versions of every form.

State	Montana
Grade	K (Early Childhood)
Subject	English Language Arts / Reading
Course category	Core
Standards family	English Language Arts / Literacy
Framework	Montana Content Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy (2011)
Issuing agency	Montana Office of Public Instruction
Scope	36 instructional weeks · 180 instructional days · 9 units

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Week 9 — Blending My First Words

Unit 3: First Words I Can Read · Month 3 · Quarter 1 · Semester 1 · Instructional Days 41–45

Essential question	How do sounds become a word?
Standards	Phonics and Decoding -> RF.K.3 Reading Standards: Foundational Skills / Phonics and Word Recognition — Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words: Phonological and Phonemic Awareness -> RF.K.2 Reading Standards: Foundational Skills / Phonological Awareness — Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes):
Learning target	"I can push three sounds together and read the word."
Local dates	_____ (enter your school dates)

Measurable objectives

- Students will blend onsets and rimes in single-syllable spoken words.
- Students will decode CVC words with short a in isolation.

Success criteria (student-friendly)

- "I say each sound."
- "I say them faster."
- "I say the whole word."

Academic vocabulary

blend, sound, word, read, vowel

Materials and technology

- Magnetic letters
- Elkonin boxes
- Word cards for -at and -ap
- Blending board
- Individual whiteboards

Differentiation and supports

Support area	This week's plan
Special education / IEP	Reduce group size; pair visual cue cards with all verbal directions; allow gesture or picture response in place of speech; pre-teach the week's target in a 1:1 warm-up.
Section 504	Provide the child's documented accommodations throughout; permit movement breaks and alternative seating at any point in the sequence.
Multilingual learners	Introduce each vocabulary word with an object or image; accept home-language responses; send the vocabulary list home where a translation is available; pair with a peer who shares the home language.

Support area	This week's plan
Advanced / extension	Ask the learner to teach the skill to a peer, extend the task, or record a demonstration for the class reference wall.
Intervention / reteach	Reteach the target in a short small group using the same materials; split the day's check for understanding into two smaller steps.
Enrichment	Extend into an open-ended centre or project connected to the essential question.

Assessment and evidence

Decoding check: child reads five short-a CVC words in isolation.

Family communication

Say /m/ /a/ /t/ slowly and let your child tell you the word.

Day 41 — Onset and Rime

Week 9, Day 1 • Unit 3 • Standards: RF.K.3, RF.K.2

Focus	Blending two spoken parts.
Learning target	"I can push three sounds together and read the word."
Vocabulary in use	blend, sound, word
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Warm-up: sound isolation. Model: teacher says /m/ ... /at/. Guided: class blends. Practice: partners blend ten pairs. Close: blending routine named.

Check for understanding

Student blends an onset and rime into a whole word.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

Fictional Example — Customize and Verify Before School Submission.

Most learners met the target. Two needed the visual cue repeated during guided practice; I will pre-teach with them tomorrow. The extension held attention longer than planned, so I shortened closure.

Day 42 — The -at Family

Week 9, Day 2 • Unit 3 • Standards: RF.K.3, RF.K.2

Focus	Reading a rime family.
Learning target	"I can push three sounds together and read the word."
Vocabulary in use	blend, sound, word
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Warm-up: onset-rime blending. Model: teacher builds mat, sat, pat. Guided: class swaps the onset. Practice: children build -at words. Close: word family chart.

Check for understanding

Student reads three words in the -at family.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 43 — Three Sounds, One Word

Week 9, Day 3 • Unit 3 • Standards: RF.K.3, RF.K.2

Focus	Full phoneme blending.
Learning target	"I can push three sounds together and read the word."
Vocabulary in use	blend, sound, word
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Warm-up: -at words. Model: teacher blends /s/ /a/ /t/ with boxes. Guided: class blends. Practice: children blend eight CVC words. Close: blending board routine.

Check for understanding

Student blends three phonemes into a CVC word.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 44 — The -ap Family

Week 9, Day 4 · Unit 3 · Standards: RF.K.3, RF.K.2

Focus	A second short-a rime.
Learning target	"I can push three sounds together and read the word."
Vocabulary in use	blend, sound, word
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Warm-up: blending drill. Model: teacher builds map, tap, nap. Guided: class swaps onsets. Practice: children build -ap words. Close: family chart extended.

Check for understanding

Student reads three words in the -ap family.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 45 — Reading Words on My Own

Week 9, Day 5 • Unit 3 • Standards: RF.K.3, RF.K.2

Focus	Independent CVC decoding.
Learning target	"I can push three sounds together and read the word."
Vocabulary in use	blend, sound, word
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Warm-up: word family review. Model: teacher reads a mixed list. Guided: choral read. Practice: individual word-card reading. Close: first decodable sentence read.

Check for understanding

Student decodes five mixed short-a CVC words independently.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

Fictional Example — Customize and Verify Before School Submission.

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